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INFORMATION PACKET

Electrical Rule Changes

Public Hearing

Tumwater:

Date: October 8, 2002
Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 p.m.
Location: 7273 Linderson Way S.W.
Labor and Industries Building (S 118)
Tumwater, Washington

The Department of Labor and Industries will hold a public hearing to receive information and provide the opportunity for comments about proposed changes to the Electrical rules (Chapter 296-46A WAC and Chapter 296-401B WAC). Chapter 19.28 RCW, Electricians and electrical installations grants the department authority to propose and adopt these rules.

If you require special communication or accommodation arrangements, please contact us at (360) 902-6411 no later than October 7, 2002. Requests received after this date may not allow adequate time to make the arrangements.

Send written comments using one of the following:

By mail to: Josh Swanson
Specialty Compliance Services Division
P.O. Box 44400
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By electronic mail to: swaj235@LNI.wa.gov

By fax: 360-902-5292 (Comments submitted by fax must be 10 pages or less.)

Comments must be received by October 8, 2002.

The department will respond in writing to everyone submitting oral and written comments before the deadline, and after the department has adopted changes to the rules.

The purpose of these rules is to extend the application and examination dates for several electrical administrator and certified electrician categories. The department has already extended these deadlines as a matter of policy as the allotment of more time will improve public safety and compliance with the regulations for purposes of consumer protection through the registration, licensure, and certification of more licensed and bonded electrical contractors. It is the goal of this extension to increase compliance with the rule, public safety, and consumer protection for all citizens in the state. These rules ensure that potentially competent and compliant individuals and employers have an adequate amount of time to comply with the rules.

Amended Section:

WAC 296-46A-950 -- Administrator certificate.

This section was amended to:

- Change the last date to submit applications for temporary administrator from December 31, 2001 to May 31, 2002 for several of the specialty administrator categories;
- Correct a typographical error;
- Change the application date for telecommunications administrators from June 30, 2001 to December 31, 2001 to correct an error from the previous rulemaking;
- Change the timeframe for completing the specialty administrator examination until December 31, 2002 or 12 months after submitting application, whichever is longer, for several of the specialty administrator categories;
- Specify the interim enforcement date for the telecommunications administrators to be January 19, 2001 to correct an error from the previous rulemaking; and
- Specify in rule that the department may waive the fees associated with the certificate extensions granted under this section.

Amended Section:

WAC 296-401B-340 -- Trainees working without supervision.

This section was amended to:

- Specify that applications for an unsupervised electrical training certificate must be submitted prior to May 31, 2002 – no application deadline for applying previous work experience exists in the current rules;
- Change the date allowing electrician candidates to qualify for the third-year training certificate until December 31, 2002 or 12 months after submitting application, whichever is longer, for several of the specialty electrician categories;
- Changing the timeframe for completing the examination until December 31, 2002 or 12 months after submitting application, whichever is longer, for several of the specialty electrician categories; and
- Specify in rule that the department may waive the fees associated with the certificate extensions granted under this section.

The tentative adoption date for these rules is October 9, 2002 and the tentative effective date is November 9, 2002.

Oral and/or written comments on the proposed rule changes will be accepted at the public hearing. Correspondence relating to this notice and rules should be addressed to Josh Swanson, Specialty Compliance Services Division, P.O. Box 44400, Olympia, Washington 98504-4400.